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[HOUSE BILL NO. 9.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 3, 1864.—Read first and second times, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. PERKINS.]

A BILL

To organize a corps of scouts and signal guards, to facilitate communication with the trans-Mississippi department.

1 SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do*
2 *enact*, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized, by
3 and with the advice of the Senate, to appoint one colonel, one
4 lieutenant colonel, one major, and ten captains, to do service as
5 "scouts and signal guards," in the valley of the Mississippi
6 river.

1 SEC. 2. The officers thus commissioned shall have authority to
2 raise, out of those not liable to conscription, ten companies, to
3 be officered by the President, to be composed of such members
4 and such persons as he may approve, whose duty it shall be to
5 do scout and guard duty for Government transportation across
6 the Mississippi river, under such rules and regulations as may
7 be prescribed by the War Department.

1 SEC. 3. The President may detail such officers and men from
2 the army as he may deem peculiarly qualified for the service.

1 SEC. 4. Such "scouts and signal guards" shall be composed
2 either of infantry or cavalry, or in part of both, at the discretion
3 of the President, and furnished and equipped in such manner as
4 will make them most effective, and shall be entitled to the same
5 pay and allowances, and be subject to the same regulations, as
6 other soldiers.